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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on **December 24, 2003**.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that additional fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional fees are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net additions of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to 20-0778.